Withdrawal by Companies From Hundred Per Cent Export Oriented Scheme

6284. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several companies included in the hundred per cent export oriented scheme have urged the Government to permit them to withdraw from the scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Only a few units have sought withdrawal from the hundred per cent EOU Scheme.

(b) The reasons for seeking debonding vary in each case.

(c) A package of incentives relating to both policy and procedures has recently been announced.

Export of Sub-Standard Ginger From Cochin

5285. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some big exporters of ginger in Cochin are mixing sub-standard quality ginger of other areas with Cochin ginger while exporting it to USA, USSR, Britain etc.;

(b) whether it has resulted in heavy fall in the prices of ginger in the export market of Cochin;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to hold an enquiry into these unfair practices;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps the Government propose to take to check such unfair practices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No such complaint has come to Government's notice.

(b) to (e). These questions do not arise.

(f) Export of ginger is subject to compulsory quality control and preshipment inspection by the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (AGMARK).

Assistance to Phulwari Cotton Mills in Bihar

5286. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Bihar for assistance to run the Phulwari Cotton Mills; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Declaration of National Highways in Karnataka

5287. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESHWARI:

SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka for declaring new National Highways in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing these proposals; and

(d) the time by which they are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) and (d). Declaration of new National Highways will be considered only after the VIII Plan is finalised, subject to availability of resources, criteria for declaring new National Highways, inter-se priorities etc.

STATEMENT

The details of the State Roads furnished by the State Government of Karnataka from time to time for declaring as new National Highways. Kms.

(i)	Mysore-Srirangapatna-Nagamangala-Chkkanaikanahalli-Huliur-Hririyur-Bellary-Siruguppa-Shahpur-Gulbarga-Humnabad (to join NH-9)	678
(ii)	Belgaum-Bijapur-Gulbarga-Humnabad (to join NH-9)	364
(iii)	Bangalore-Mysore-Mercara-Mangalore (to join NH-17)	385
(iv)	Belgaum-Baglkot-Raichur-Mehaboobnagar (Andhra Pradesh)	336
(v)	Tumkur-Arsikere-Shimoga-Sagar Honnavar) (to join NH-17)	332
(vi)	Gooty on NH-7 in Andhra Pradesh-Guntakal-Bellary-Hospet-Koppal- Gadg-Hubli-Yellapur-Baleguli-Karwar (to Join NH-17)	422
(vii)	Bangalore-Mysore-Nanjangud-Gundlupet-Ooty-Coimbatore (to join NH-47 in Tamol Nadu)	220
(viii)	Chitradurga-Holalkere-Hosadurga-Chikmagalur-Mudigere-Belthangadi-Mangalore (to join NH-17)	283
(ix)	Dharwar-Londa-Ahmod-Panaji (to join NH-17)	95
(x)	Padubidri-Karkala-Sringeri-Trirthahalli-Shikaripur-Shiralkoppa-Hubli-Bagalkot-Hungund.	550

(xi)	Sira (on NH-4 Bangalore-Pune Road) Madhurigi-Gouribidnur-Chikballapur-Chintamani-Srinivasapur-Mulbagai (NH-4 Bangalore-Madras road)	160
(xii)	Bangalore-Kanakpura-Malavalli-Mysore-Nanjangud-Sultanbatery-Calicut	240
(xiii)	Chitradurga-Arsikere-Holenarasipur-Madikeri-Tellicherry	360
	Total	4425

Irregularities in Transactions by Banks Operating in Karnataka

5288. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of irregularities have been detected in the transactions in the State Bank of Karnataka and other nationalised banks operating in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no bank called State Bank of Karnataka. Presumably, the Honourable Member has referred to State Bank of Mysore. During the period from 1.1.91 to 30.6.91. 14 cases of irregularities/frauds were reported in State Bank of Mysore involving an amount of Rs. 4. 21 lakhs. The information regarding irregularities/frauds is collected by the Reserve Bank of India for each bank as a whole. The present reporting system does not yield State-wise information about number of cases of Irregularities/frauds and the time and labour involved in collection of such State-wise data is not commensurate with the results likely to be achieved. However, details about number of cases of frauds and amount involved therein in the public sector banks during the year 1991 (upto 30.6.91) are given in the attached Statement.

(c) Cases of irregularities/frauds in nationalised banks are monitored on quarterly basis by RBI and appropriate action is taken by the banks concerned for recovery of amount, investigation of the cases, etc. as per the guidelines of RBI/Government.